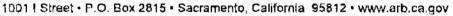


## Air Resources Board

## Alan C. Lloyd, Ph.D. Chairman





October 21, 2003

Mr. Wayne Nastri Regional Administrator Air Division, Region IX U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, California 94105

Dear Mr. Nastri:

The Air Resources Board (ARB) has been notified by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (District) that it has compiled three years (2001-2003) of ozone monitoring data without violations of the national one-hour ozone standard and that a finding of attainment would be appropriate (see attachment). We concur with the District and request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency proceed expeditiously to make a finding of attainment.

We are encouraged by the District's statements of commitment to continue taking actions that reduce of ozone precursor emissions. We will fully support the District in those efforts, as such actions help to ensure progress toward attaining the national 8-hour ozone standard in the Bay Area and downwind areas, the more protective State ozone standards, and the national PM2.5 standards.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynn Terry, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 322-2739.

Sincerely,

Catherine Witherspoon

Executive Officer

Attachment

cc: See next page.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our Website: <a href="http://www.arb.ca.gov">http://www.arb.ca.gov</a>.

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